

The Buzz



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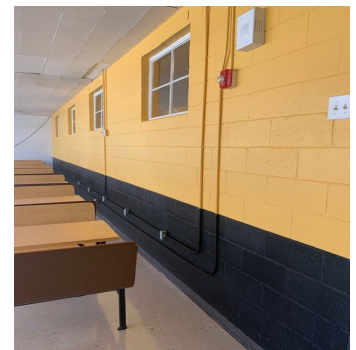
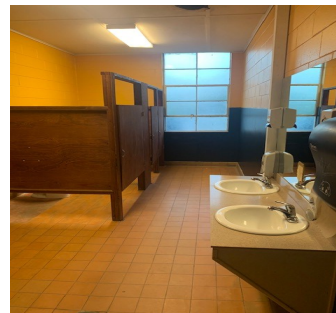
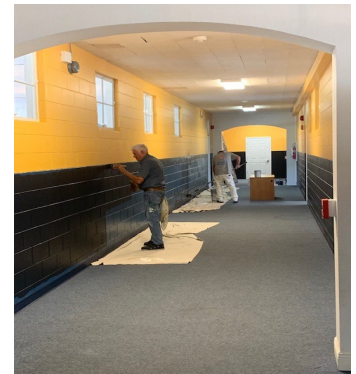
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CPLC Getting a Face Lift

This year the CPLC has gotten a major facelift. Having entered into its second year in the new building many changes have occurred.

Director of Student Services Mr. Henry Acree stated, "School Culture and Climate is a major part of school improvement. We have made many changes at the CPLC to improve the culture and climate of the school. Hallways have been painted, new signs displayed, additional technology, educational and community resources are available, with even more to come. More importantly, the student's

view of the CPLC is changing from a negative situation to one of a positive second chance program. Students are working hard to complete classes and are engaged in everyday learning. We at the CPLC are committed to providing a positive learning environment with quality alternative education for all students."



Not Your Mama's Alternative School

When one hears "Alternative School", you don't think of innovation and flexibility. Usually alternative schools are seen as the dumping ground for some students. But the CPLC has been working to combat that stereotype. It has not been all fun and games. This semester saw the introduction of a num-

ber of new interventions aimed at addressing social, emotional, mental, and career readiness.

We are focusing on giving students who do not do well in a traditional academic environment an opportunity to succeed. This can help students who struggle with sitting in a classroom and take into consideration individual learning styles.



In my world there are
NO BAD KIDS,
 just impressionable,
 conflicted young people
 wrestling with
emotions & impulses,
 trying to communicate
 their
feelings & needs
 the only way
 they know how.

- Janet Lansbury

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*"To catch the
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"I can suck pudding up my nose and blow it out the corner of my eye, but they *still* won't put me in the gifted class at school!"

School Uniforms at the CPLC

This year we saw the introduction of school uniforms at the CPLC. It goes without saying that all of our students were not jumping for joy at the change. But we believe that school uniforms can work to establish a sense of community among stu-

dents. School uniforms create equality. When students have dressed alike, that unhealthy competitive feeling about who looks best is eliminated. School uniforms do not take away a student's individuality but rather allows them to focus

more on their academics than who is wearing what fashion. In the long term it is hoped that having to wear uniforms also prepare students to how they will have to conduct themselves when they finish school and enter the work force.

Students Create Library



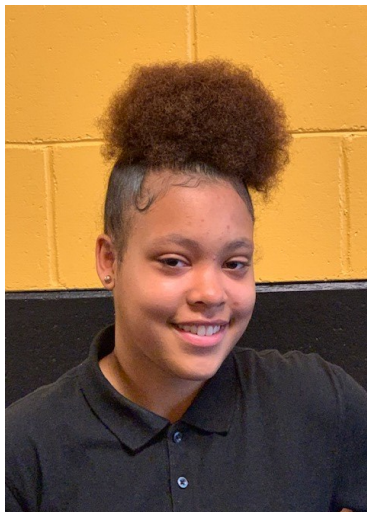
A project the students took pride in is the creation of a Library/Crafts Room. Students and staff took a vacant room and decorated and moved furniture

to create a space for them to accomplish reading goals and art interventions. Books were collected from the middle and high schools so that students could have time to work on Lexile levels.

Also books were supplied by staff that could address issues around decision-making, health, and career. Also activities that help develop critical thinking skills take place in the new space.

Middle School Spotlight

Ja'Maya Litton came to the CPLC with a focus on getting her work done. Mrs. Catlett stated, "I would really like Ja'Maya to know how strongly I believe in her and that she has the ability to go far in life. I admire how hard she works and I wanted her to know that it does not go unnoticed." Ja'Maya has aspirations on becoming a nurse when she finishes school.



Not everyone fits into the traditional school model, and the online program provides another way for us to meet the diverse and often unique needs of our students.

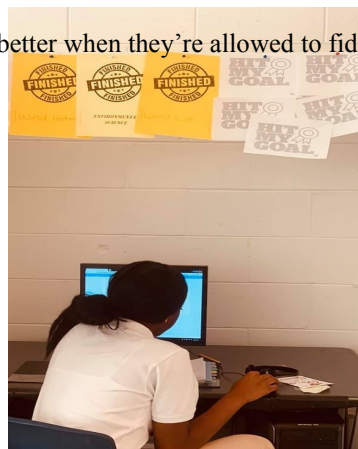
— PETE CHAPIN, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND ACCOUNTABILITY, LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

High School Spotlight

That students with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) can concentrate better when they're allowed to fidget.

Every week our students are doing some great work at the CPLC. This semester Yasmine Dean absolutely earned the spotlight this semester. Not only did she come to school with a mindset to work by hitting her daily goals, she passed and completed 5

courses. At the CPLC we stress more than just getting the work done but also keeping a positive attitude while working towards goals. At times she would assist her peers with their work when she completed all of her goals. Miss. Dean wants to pursue a



CPLC Goes to VSU Career Day

This semester some of our high school students visited Valdosta State University. Visiting colleges is often cited as the most important element that helps a student decide if a college is right or not for them. Students had the chance to tour the campus and see all

of the colleges on the campus. Students spent a good part of the time in the Office of Career Opportunities. Students had the chance to ask questions about various career paths and how to prepare for college. The highlight was a Vision Board Party hosted by

the Career Opportunities staff which focused on developing a career plan for each student. We are looking forward to seeing what the future holds.





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I believe that I am the captain of my fate.
 I believe that the choices I make on this day will affect my life tomorrow for better or worse.
 I believe I can be better today than I was yesterday.
 I am the Captain. I will at all times conduct myself in a respectful manner.
 I will respect all others and myself
 I will not disgrace myself by gossiping or belittling anyone or any group of people.
 I am special.
 I am somebody.
 I am a success story just waiting to be told.
 I control my thoughts and I control my actions.
 My future is in my hands.

Author—Dr. Deborah McNair

Director

Semester in review



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